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NEW YORK MAN PLEADS GUILTY

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Portsmouth Police Chief Michael Magnant, and United States Drug Enforcement Administration Resident Agent in Charge Leo Ducey, announce that Heathcliff Carew, Jr., of Brooklyn, New York, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court in Concord, New Hampshire, before Judge Joseph DiClerico, to charges of using a communication facility to facilitate a drug-trafficking offense, and to conceal the commission of a felony.

Carew was originally arrested on March 26, 2003, inside his vehicle parked in the parking lot of the Motel 6 in Portsmouth, NH. Inside the motel, Carew's co-defendant Stanley Stewart was arrested delivering seventy (70) grams of cocaine base "crack" to a police confidential informant. Carew pleaded guilty to using his cellular telephone to facilitate the deal, and also to concealing the commission of Stewart's felony. Stewart recently pleaded guilty to distribution of cocaine base "crack" and was sentenced to eighty-seven (87) months in federal prison.

A sentencing hearing has been set for June 30, 2004, before Judge DiClerico. The defendant faces a maximum sentence of four (4) years on the telephone charge, and three (3) years on the misprision conviction. The defendant and the government have agreed that the sentences shall run consecutive to each other, for a total of seven (7) years.

United States Attorney Colantuono thanks the Portsmouth Police and the DEA for their extraordinary efforts in the case. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Howard.